Meet the Fellows: Josephine Kulea

Kenya, Civic Leadership, University of Delaware

Josephine Kulea is a child rights activist with over eight years of experience. Currently, she is the founder and Executive Director of Samburu Girls Foundation, where she focuses on rescuing young girls from harmful cultural practices performed in pastoralist communities in Northern Kenya.

Her work has earned her numerous awards, including UN Person of the Year in 2013. Josephine is a registered nurse with the Nursing Council of Kenya. Upon the completion of the Washington Fellowship, she hopes to use her new experience and network to further her efforts to end child exploitation and abuse.

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Meet the Fellows: Sabrina Gujjalu

Mauritius, Public Management, Howard University

Sabrina Gujjalu works at the Financial Services Commission in Mauritius, the regulator for nonbanking financial services and global business.

As manager in the Policy Unit, she conducts research and analysis for policy formulation and drives the introduction of new policies, standards and financial products. She is currently involved in the establishment of proficiency standards for licensees in the nonbanking financial sector as well as in the development of a regulatory regime for credit rating agencies.

Sabrina has spent the last eight years of her career in the financial sector in Mauritius, with five years at HSBC Group in commercial banking. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, she hopes to use the skills acquired to support the development and diversification of Mauritius as an international financial center.

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Meet the Fellows: Ramatoulie Gassama

The Gambia, Business and Entrepreneurship, Dartmouth College

Ramatoulie Gassama is a communications and media professional and an aspiring entrepreneur. She currently serves as the public relations officer at Ace Communications Executive Ltd.

She previously worked as junior economist at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and was one of the lead coordinators in the first resource mobilization and investment forum held in The Gambia.

Ramatoulie is also a TV and radio host who has co-hosted a talk show focusing on social issues and has interviewed the former president of The Gambia, Sir Dawda K. Jawara, on independence and his return from exile.

As an aspiring entrepreneur, Ramatoulie is the sole proprietor of a retail business in The Gambia called RAJAB Collection. Upon her return from the Washington Fellowship, she intends to expand her business internationally and create employment opportunities for youth in The Gambia and the surrounding region.

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Meet the Fellows: Nguomoja Amuri

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Civic Leadership, University of Delaware

Nguomoja Amuri has over nine years of experience working in underprivileged communities in the fields of sports, music and peace building. Currently, he is the founder and creative director of Tumaini Sports Academy in Uvira and Kigoma, where he focuses on using sports and music as a medium to create cultural awareness and understanding among young people of different ethnic backgrounds involved in conflict.

He is an action partner with the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships program managing different youth-led initiatives. Nguomoja completed a sports and development fellowship at the DO School in Hamburg, Germany.

Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, Nguomoja plans to set up five training centers in South and North Kivu, with each center selecting 200 boys and girls aged 10–20 years old and representing all tribes. These centers will provide sports and arts training, peace education and life skills, with a goal to broaden the network of peace ambassadors who will in turn launch campaigns to inform and engage their communities about peace.

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<u>Meet the Fellows: Catherine Oluwakemi</u> <u>Onabanjo</u>

Nigeria, Public Management, University of Minnesota

Catherine Oluwakemi Onabanjo is currently a consultant for McKinsey & Company's Lagos office, where she serves public sector, social sector and corporate clients across West Africa on their growth, strategy and transformation programs.

In addition to her client work, she is a member of the board of trustees for Helping Other People Excel (HOPE), an NGO whose theory of change is that developing leadership skills in Nigeria's teenagers today will cultivate change agents who will drive social change in the country.

Kemi holds a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Covenant University and continues to closely engage with the university as welfare secretary and community outreach coordinator of the Covenant University Alumni Association.

Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, Kemi plans to focus on capability building and development of her public sector clients, as she believes that the enhanced capability of public sector employees is a critical enabler to unleash Nigeria's great potentials.

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Meet the Fellows: Khanyisile Magubane

South Africa, Business and Entrepreneurship, Northwestern University

Khanyisile Magubane is a filmmaker and radio broadcaster with 14 years of media experience in radio broadcasting, online media, film and TV production, and magazine feature writing. She is currently producing a four-part documentary series entitled *Making Cents*, which looks at the economic inequalities in South Africa and its root causes.

She currently hosts two radio shows on SAfm, a leading South African news and current affairs radio station. A trained journalist, she has worked as a news reporter, radio producer and presenter. Her breakout work as a documentary filmmaker was in 2012, when she wrote and produced a six-part documentary series entitled *Why Are We So Angry*?

Khanyisile holds a bachelor's degree in communications and an honors degree in journalism from

the University of Johannesburg. Upon completion of the Washington Fellowship, Khanyisile will use knowledge acquired to build up a media enterprise that will use media as a vehicle for positive change in Africa.

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Meet the Fellows: Dziedzorm Segbefia

Ghana, Business and Entrepreneurship, Dartmouth College

Dziedzorm "JayJay" Segbefia is general partner of BraveHearts Expeditions and works as expedition leader on the firm's experiential learning adventure activities. His company won this past year's StartUp Cup Ghana Business Model Competition, in which he was personally acclaimed and honored with the Ghana Angel Investor Network's coveted Most Promising Entrepreneur 2013 Award. He led his firm to place second in the first World StartUp Cup Competition, hosted in Armenia in January, and compensated four months later by winning the Enablis Business Launchpad Competition.

Although his academic background is in communication studies and journalism, he has over a decade's experience in extensive adventure leadership, having conducted a total of 387 jungle, mountain, white water and wilderness experiential learning expeditions across Africa. Before founding BraveHearts Expeditions, he honed his skills as a public relations officer of a graduate university and briefly as junior communications adviser to the African Cashew Initiative (ACI) of GIZ, Germany's leading provider of international cooperation services.

JayJay plans to apply the business and entrepreneurship education experience from the Washington Fellowship to expanding the revenue streams of his young firm with commercial rappelling sports and corporate expedition services that will create more economic opportunity and jobs for Ghana's teeming unemployed young people.

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